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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Nimbus Mission 3058

At 0144 EDT, 2 September 1961, I called Lt. Colonel Honeywell to advise him of the 24 hour delay of 3058. He said he did not have the telephone number he needed with him so he could not call from home. I said that I thought we had the number here and gave it to him. It did not ring a bell. He then asked me to call NORAD so he "wouldn't have to go by the Pentagon." I agreed to try simply to bring the discussion to an end.

Colonel Honeywell mentioned a Colonel Gould "on the duty officer" at NORAD.

I then called Melrose 58911 and got the ADC command post. The duty officer, Captain Allen switched the call to extension 2544 when I said I wanted NORAD. At NORAD I reached Major Roberts who knew nothing about my request. He was extremely helpful and caught the classified nature of the conversation immediately. He had no record of AFCIG-5 or Colonel Honeywell so he asked what area I was interested in. I said, "Laughlin". Major Roberts then said he would pass the word to 29th Division, as a 24 hour delay of radar suppression as requested earlier this week. He was sure they would "get the message" since the 29th Division had that area. I asked Major Roberts to emphasize the classified nature and pass the info on a "need to know basis." He willingly agreed and did not request any more data except my name and station. I gave him my name but he did not insist on the station other than Washington, D. C.

I emphasize again the very cooperative nature of Major Roberts. He seemed to grasp essentially what was going on, at least in general terms, and offered to take action.

The whole affair was left as a matter of keeping the record straight so that at least in a roundabout way the latest incident at Laughlin would not occur again.

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I strongly suggest that we arrange to cable direct to NORAD to a cleared contact in order to arrange radar suppression.

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